



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

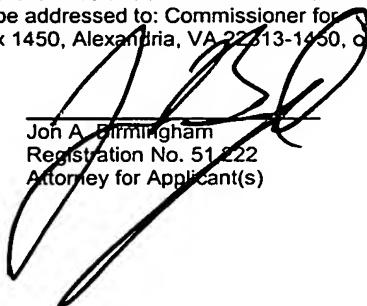
Appn No.: 10/628,073)
Filed: July 25, 2003)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
AUTOMATED FORMING OF)
SLEEVES FOR SLICED)
PRODUCTS)
Art Unit: N/A)
Examiner: N/A)
Docket No.: 67505)
Customer No.: 48940)

Confirmation No. 3498

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this piece of paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date.

08/26/05
Date


Jon A. Birmingham
Registration No. 51222
Attorney for Applicant(s)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 - 1.98 in connection with the above-identified application. The following documents are listed on PTO/SB/08A which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed herewith. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

U.S. PATENTS

PATENT NO.	INVENTOR(S)	ISSUE DATE
3,127,819	Woolsey	4/7/1964
3,314,215	Alfred	4/18/1967
3,326,097	Lokey	6/20/1967

08/30/2005 MBERHE 00000013 061135 10628073
01 FC:1806 180.00 DA

OTHER DOCUMENTS

European Search Report No. 04254351.2-2308 dated July 27, 2005.

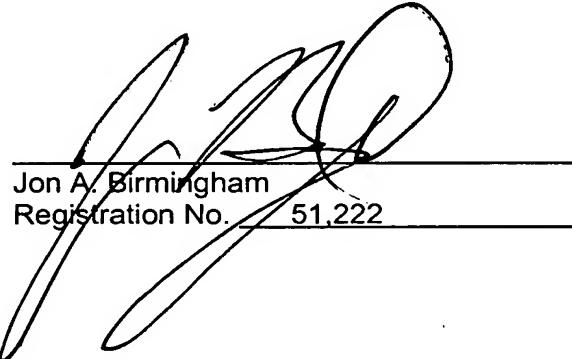
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

August 26, 2005

Date

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY
Suite 1600
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406
Telephone: (312) 577-7000
Facsimile: (312) 577-7007



Jon A. Birmingham
Registration No. 51,222



PTO/SB/08a
Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
		European Patent Search Report No. 04254351.2-2308 dated July 27, 2005.

Examiner Signature _____ **Date Considered** _____

***EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.